

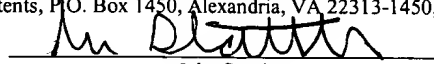


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In the Application of:

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 19, 2002, please amend the patent application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1, 8 and 11 as follows: